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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #12 (SO12)

(Conflict Reduced in Mindanao and Other Areas Vulnerable to Violence)



MALLING IN COTABATO CITY. South Seas, Cotabato City's first state-of-the-art mall, opened its doors to the public last December. The mall serves not only the consumers of Cotabato City but also residents of neighboring areas who come from as far away as the provinces of Maguindanao, North Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat. In response to increasing business activity in the city, the Department of Trade and Industry-Cotabato City is focusing on improving the area's business incentive code and promoting the competitiveness of local business establishments by introducing new and innovative business systems. (GEM)

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